16. Integrated Project from Water Supply, Sewerage and Solid Waste Management for Ranchi Town
17. Kerala Water Supply Project
18. Installation of a Regional Water Supply System in Talcher, Meramundali, Angul, Dhenkanal and Bhuban Urban Conglomerate in Orissa.
19. Transport Infrastructure Development Project, Calcutta
20. Rangali Irrigation Project, Orissa
21. Rajghat Canal Major Irrigation Project, MP
22. Ground Water Development Project, HP
23. Vansadhara Project Stage II, AP
24. Consolidation of Phase-I and Initiation of Phase-II for Upgradation of the Standards of Medical Health Care in Northern India, SGPGI
25. Women's Development Programme - 'Soil to Silk' Approach, MP
26. Development of Sericulture Industry in Manipur
27. Integrated Industrial Infrastructure Development, Kerala
28. Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Desert Triangle of Rajasthan.

STATEMENT-III

List of State projects pledged by the Govt. of Japan for assistance under OECF 1996-97 loan package

	Project Name	Loan Amount (in million yen)
1.	West Bengal Transmission System Project	8497
2.	Umiam Hydro Power Station Renovation Project	1700
3.	Tuirial Hydro-Electric Power Station Project	11695
4.	Calcutta Transport Infrastructure Development Project	10679
5.	Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project	15968
6.	Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project	13324
7.	Kerala Water Supply Project	11997
8.	Rajghat Canal Irrigation Project	13222

Age Limit for Senior Citizens

3171. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the retirement age in most of the Govt. offices is 58 years while the age to be considered as senior citizen for taxation purposes is 60 years;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to lower the age requirement for senior citizenship to 58 years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Resident individuals of sixty-five years and above, whose gross total income does not exceed one hundred thousand rupees are entitled to a rebate of income-tax under Section 88B of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

(b) and (c). The Government does not propose to lower the age limit for the purpose of Section 88B.

Funds for Textiles Industry

3172. SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any demand from the representatives of Garment and Textile Industry for Rs. 2000 crores to upgrade its technology and improve competitiveness in the global market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Government have not received any specific demand from the representatives of Garments and Textile industry for a fund of Rs. 2000 crores to upgrade its technology and improved competitiveness in the global market.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Committee on Bad Debts of Banks

3173. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the RBI proposes to investigate the bad debts of banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Committee has been set up to investigate into the bad debts;

(d) if so, the composition thereof; and

(e) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Banks are subject to Annual Financial Inspections by the Department of Supervision of the RBI. At the time of these inspections the Inspecting Officers also look into the reasons for advance turning into Non-Performing Assets and steps taken by banks to reduce the level of NPAs as also staff accountability in the matter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.